STRUCTURES

part of the **PUBLIC SAFETY FRAMEWORK OF IDAHO**

The STRUCTURES initiative is a collaborative effort to build a statewide spatial database of key buildings focused on enhancing public safety. Our approach is to gather and assemble information from the best sources into a single dataset. A comprehensive STRUCTURES database will reduce response times for police, firefighters and ambulances and provide critical context for planning, managing and recovering from widespread disasters.

WHAT IS THE STRUCTURES VISION?

What would you say if you had access to a current, statewide database of high-profile buildings, hospitals, schools and other structures fulfilling both public and private needs? It would be pretty cool, right? Well, that's the vision of STRUCTURES, and with your organization's help, we can do JUST THAT!

This comprehensive database, part of Idaho's digital base map (collectively, Framework), will be made accessible to every agency in Idaho. It will be consistent with relevant state and federal standards and regularly updated. As a statewide collaboration, STRUCTURES will benefit both contributors and consumers. Try to recall a time when a flood or fire stopped at the county line.

That's why we're asking you to join us. If each region contributes a minimum set of structure types and descriptive information, we'll be successful.

SO, WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

There are so many advantages to contributing to STRUCTURES Framework. We're taking the initiative to create it NOW. Why wait until disaster strikes? By partnering with this statewide effort, vital information will be available instantly to emergency responders. When minutes count in situational awareness and when hours count in staging effective disaster response, STRUCTURES will make a difference. Getting people to shelters, evacuating a valley, and allocating the right resources and staging them as soon as possible can greatly affect the outcome of an event. STRUCTURES is a vital part of the picture. Be sure your organization is "plugged in" to the spatial information super-highway. Your residents deserve it, and they will appreciate your foresight.

Enhancing public safety in our communities ...

SO, HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

It's easy! INSIDE Idaho has an automated routine that harvests local data online. This allows for regular updating of the database and provides the most current information available. All you need to do is place a .zip file and an .xml file in an accessible location, and INSIDE Idaho will do the rest.

In addition to location, **only two fields are requested:**
1) **GIS_STEW** identifies your organization as a contributor, and
2) **APA_CODE** identifies the type of structure.
That's it! Other information like Property Address, for example, will be gladly accepted if you have it.

Right now we are focusing on the following structure types:

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Police Stations
- Fire Stations
- Emergency Operation Center
- Jails

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